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11 May 1972

The Honorable Howard E. Sollenberger Director, Foreign Service Institute Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Howard:

I am submitting a negative reply to the inquiry of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations concerning foreign affairs or foreign area training programs this Agency conducts.

We do not conduct courses comparable to the area studies and advanced area training you have at the Foreign Service Institute's Center for Area and Country Studies. The main focus in our training programs is necessarily on operational and analytical techniques which are central to the intelligence function. Area training and foreign affairs are treated in our courses only in their relation to the handling of intelligence problems, but in a way which would make any effort to separate the costs of this aspect of training from all others a rather meaningless exercise. For more extensive treatment of these subjects on their own terms we rely heavily on the programs of the Foreign Service Institute.

Sincerely,

HUGH T. CUNNINGHAM
Director of Training

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Letter to DTR from D/FSI requesting information

on area training

REFERENCE: Memorandum for the Record dated 24 March 1972,

same subject

- 1. On 18 April I received a call from Jack Rittu, Budget Officer, FSI, on the above subject as a result of his promise to keep us informed on this. Mr. Rittu said John Byrnes (Deputy Director for Management, FSI) informed him that written replies had been received from all recipients of Mr. Sollenberger's letter with the exception of CIA. Mr. Rittu told Mr. Byrnes again that CIA had given a general reply on the telephone, at Mr. Rittu's urgent request, but that we preferred not to forward a written reply. If pressed to do so, the information would have to be forwarded by CIA's Legislative Counsel, inasmuch as the final recipient is a Senate Committee.
- 2. I explained to Mr. Rittu that the original letter and a summary of our earlier conversations had been forwarded to the Director of Training, and that copies are also with the Deputy Director for Support and the Legislative Counsel. Mr. Rittu said that Mr. Byrnes would go ahead and forward the other replies to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. I told Mr. Rittu I would report this latest development to appropriate CIA officials.

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AIR Note: I don't know what the next step should be. (Perhaps the Legislative Counsel could check with his

Senate Committee contacts and ascertain the reason for the indirect manner of requesting such information.) I'm sure it would be fairly simple to supply this Committee with the scope of our area training, but I'm not sure just which office should prepare the reply and how detailed it should be, especially concerning funds, etc. Mr. Rittu was very understanding during our several conversations on this. This is the first time the Department's budget has been analyzed by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as we are all aware of from recent newspaper articles, and Mr. Rittu feels this first inquiry could be the forerunner of many more. He agreed that the Committee places the Department, or FSI, in an awkward position by requesting information on other Agencies' programs.

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FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE WASHINGTON

March 20, 1972

Mr. Hugh T. Cunningham
Director of Training
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Hugh:

During the course of hearings on the Department's Authorization Request for FY 1973 Appropriations, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations submitted this question to me:

"Do any other government agencies conduct foreign affairs or foreign area training programs? Please provide a brief description of these programs, by agency, and the costs involved."

The Department promised the Chairman that this question would be brought to the attention of the Department of Defense, ACDA, AID, USIA, CIA and ACTION with the request that each agency provide its answer to this question to the Department for forwarding to the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

I would appreciate your sending your agency's response directly to me as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Howard E. Sollenberger

Director

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